

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 09/987,362
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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A package comprising at least one set of stacked recording media including an image-receiving sheet having an image-receiving layer which is fed to a recording medium holding member and a plurality of transfer sheets each having a toner layer which are successively fed to the recording medium holding member so that the toner layer of each transfer sheet may be brought into contact with the image-receiving layer of the image-receiving sheet, said image-receiving sheet and said transfer sheets being stacked in order of feed to the recording medium holding member,

wherein an interleaving sheet is inserted between every adjacent recording media, and
wherein each of said interleaving sheets extends outward from at least one side of said set of recording media, and

wherein each of said interleaving sheets has at least one perforation in the extension thereof, and said interleaving sheet is fixed to a recording apparatus by making use of said perforation.

2. (original): A package according to claim 1, wherein the top sheet of said set of stacked recording media is said image-receiving sheet.

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3. (original): A package according to claim 2, which contains a plurality of said sets of stacked recording media.

4. (original): A package according to claim 3, wherein said image-receiving layer of said image-receiving sheet and said toner layer of each of said transfer sheets face in opposite directions.

5-7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): A package according to claim 1, wherein an interleaving sheet is inserted between said packaging material and said image-receiving layer of said image-receiving sheet which is the uppermost sheet of said set or between said packaging material and said toner layer of the lowermost transfer sheet.

9. (previously presented): A package according to claim 1, wherein said interleaving sheet is made of the same material as the substrate of said recording media.

10. (previously presented): A package according to claim 1, wherein at least the side of said interleaving sheet that is in contact with said recording media has the same properties or conditions as the side of said recording media opposite to said image-receiving layer or said toner layer.

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11. (currently amended): A feed cassette comprising a cassette body and preset recording-media containing a set of stacked recording media including an image-receiving sheet having an image-receiving layer which is fed to a recording medium holding member and a plurality of transfer sheets each having a toner layer which are successively fed to the recording medium holding member so that the toner layer of each transfer sheet may be brought into contact with the image-receiving layer of the image-receiving sheet, said image-receiving sheet and said transfer sheets being stacked in an order of feeding to the recording medium holding member, wherein an interleaving sheet is inserted between said cassette body and the image-receiving layer of said image-receiving sheet which is the uppermost sheet of said set and between said cassette body and the toner layer of the lowermost transfer sheet, and wherein said interleaving sheets extend outward from at least one side of said set of recording media, and

wherein said interleaving sheet extends outward from the side of said set of recording media opposite to the side where a pickup mechanism of a recording apparatus is applied.

12. (original): A feed cassette according to claim 11, which contains a plurality of the sets of stacked recording media.

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13. (original): A feed cassette according to claim 12, wherein said image-receiving layer of said image-receiving sheet and said toner layer of each of said transfer sheets face in opposite directions.

14. (original): A feed cassette according to any one of claims 11 to 13, wherein an interleaving sheet is inserted between every adjacent recording media.

15-17. (canceled).

18. (currently amended): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 11, A feed cassette comprising a cassette body and preset recording-media containing a set of stacked recording media including an image-receiving sheet having an image-receiving layer which is fed to a recording medium holding member and a plurality of transfer sheets each having a toner layer which are successively fed to the recording medium holding member so that the toner layer of each transfer sheet may be brought into contact with the image-receiving layer of the image-receiving sheet, said image-receiving sheet and said transfer sheets being stacked in an order of feeding to the recording medium holding member,

wherein an interleaving sheet is inserted between said cassette body and the image-receiving layer of said image-receiving sheet which is the uppermost sheet of said set and between said cassette body and the toner layer of the lowermost transfer sheet,

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wherein said interleaving sheets extend outward from at least one side of said set of recording media, and

wherein said recording media stick out from the side of said interleaving sheets where a pickup mechanism of a recording apparatus is applied.

19. (currently amended): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 11, A feed cassette comprising a cassette body and preset recording-media containing a set of stacked recording media including an image-receiving sheet having an image-receiving layer which is fed to a recording medium holding member and a plurality of transfer sheets each having a toner layer which are successively fed to the recording medium holding member so that the toner layer of each transfer sheet may be brought into contact with the image-receiving layer of the image-receiving sheet, said image-receiving sheet and said transfer sheets being stacked in an order of feeding to the recording medium holding member,

wherein an interleaving sheet is inserted between said cassette body and the image-receiving layer of said image-receiving sheet which is the uppermost sheet of said set and between said cassette body and the toner layer of the lowermost transfer sheet,

wherein said interleaving sheets extend outward from at least one side of said set of recording media, and

wherein said cassette body has a member for fixing the extension of the interleaving sheets.

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20. (previously presented): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 11, wherein a cushioning material for restraining movement of the recording media in the cassette body is interposed between said interleaving sheet and the cassette body.

21. (original): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 20, wherein said cushioning material is dust-free sponge.

22. (original): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 11, wherein said cassette body is made of metal.

23. (original): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 11, wherein said cassette body is made of paperboard.

24. (original): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 11, wherein said cassette body is packaged in an external packaging sheet.

25. (original): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 24, wherein said cassette body packaged in an external packaging sheet is further packaged in a paperboard box.

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26. (original): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 11, wherein said cassette body has an opening through which each recording medium is picked up and fed, said opening is covered with a lid such that the opening is closed and opened.

27. (original): A recording medium feed cassette according to claim 26, wherein said lid is detachable from and attachable to the cassette body.

28. (currently amended): A recording apparatus comprising a recording medium holding member which moves while holding a recording medium thereon and a recording head which moves in the direction perpendicular to the moving direction of said recording medium holding member while irradiating said recording medium with a laser beam spot, wherein said recording apparatus has a cassette holder which supports a recording medium feed cassette containing at least one set of preset recording media stacked in order of feed to said recording medium holding member, said recording media being fed from said recording medium feed cassette mounted on said cassette holder to said recording medium holding member,

wherein an interleaving sheet is inserted between said recording medium feed cassette and an image receiving layer of an image-receiving sheet which is the uppermost sheet of said at least one set of preset recording media and between said recording medium feed cassette and a toner layer of a transfer sheet which is the lowermost sheet of said at least one set of preset recording media,~~and~~

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wherein said interleaving sheets extend outward from at least one side of said at least one set of preset recording media, and

wherein said recording medium feed cassette has a member for fixing the extension of the interleaving sheets.